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Preliminary Review by the Government Statist of the Oversea Import and Export Trade of the State for the year ended 30th June, 1925, compiled from monthly details furnished by the Collector of Customs.

The 1924-25 figures submitted in this review are subject to final revision, but for general business purposes they may be accepted, as any revision which may be eventually necessary is not likely to be of any magnitude. All figures in parenthesis are those for the previous year inserted for comparative purposes.

TOTAL TRADE VALUES. The grand total value of trade for the year was £3,595,708 greater than the previous year, the respective totals being £33,186,953 (£29,591,245) equal to £61.12.7 (£57.3.9) per capita. The year's total trade is a record one exceeding the previous highest by £3,135,323.

IMPORTS totalled £3,978,296 (£12,700,321) £25.19.2 (£24.10.11) per Capita - the total being £1,277,975 greater than the previous year, which up to that time was the record.

EXPORTS totalled £19,208,657 (£16,890,924) £35.13.5 (£32.12.10) per capita - the total increase being £2,317,753. The year's Exports are considerably higher than any previous year with the exception of the year 1919-20, £20,530,355 which was entirely due to the shipment of accumulated wheat stocks as a result of the war.

BALANCE OF TRADE. The Exports exceeded the Imports by the substantial total of £5,230,361. The excesses for the two previous years have been respectively £2,739,796 and £4,190,603.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE. The proportions to the Grand Total of Imports from the United Kingdom, Other British Possessions and Foreign Countries varied but slightly from those of the year 1923-4, though greater in volume, the totals and percentages being:-

IMPORTS FROM	1924-5	1923-4	1924-5	1923-4
UNITED KINGDOM.	£ 6,264,681	£ 5,773,985	44.82%	45.46%
OTHER BRITISH POSSNS.	£ 1,874,637	£ 1,734,825	13.41%	13.66%
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.	£ 5,838,978	£ 5,191,513	41.77%	40.88%
GRAND TOTAL	£13,978,296	£12,700,321	100.00%	100.00%

The proportions to the Grand Total of the State's Exports to the United Kingdom and Other British Possessions were greater in volume and percentage, and to Foreign Countries less in percentage but greater in volume than for the year 1923-4, the totals and percentages being:-

EXPORTS TO	1924-5	1923-4	1924-5	1923-4
UNITED KINGDOM.	£ 8,240,054	£ 6,922,020	42.89%	40.98%
OTHER BRITISH POSSNS.	£ 2,854,061	£ 2,203,642	14.86%	13.05%
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.	£ 8,114,542	£ 7,765,262	42.25%	45.97%
GRAND TOTAL	£19,208,657	£16,890,924	100.00%	100.00%

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED.

FISH £116,748 (£134,580) Tea 3,232,249 lbs. £244,697 (3,344,390 lbs £224,243) WHISKY 85,864 gals. £109,005 (77,401 gals. £99,411) FIBRES £63,255 (£50,883) the two chief items being - Hemp 16,051 cwts. £35,767 11,627 cwts. £23,334) Kapok 284,700 lbs. £12,511 (264,364 lbs. £14,576)

APPAREL & ATTIRE £630,587 (£531,490). The lines of Apparel and Attire were Corsets £19,231 (£20,854) Hosiery (excluding socks and stockings) £57,179 (£51,604) Socks and Stockings - Total £181,462 (£137,544) made up as follows:- Cotton £29,707 (£25,138) Silk £19,406 (£23,130) Woollen 132,349 (£89,276). Boots and Shoes £30,500 (£30,123) Gloves £39,230 £43,335) Hats and Caps £38,403 (£27,094)

TEXTILES - ALL KINDS £2,185,444 (£2,045,225) - chief items - Floor coverings £308,425 (£294,365) Piece Goods £1,618,424 (£1,528,410) Quilts over &c. £36,610 (£44,502) Sewing Silks £105,339 (£97,753)

I M P O R T S

CRNS & MANUFACTURED FIBRES. £750,980 (£534,713) chief items - Corn and Flour Bags 1,110,451 Doz. £595,262 (1,030,651 Doz. £410,450) Woolpacks 20,207 Doz. £62,963 (14,667 Doz. £35,828) Bran & Chaff Bags 35,200 Doz. £16,111 (89,000 Doz. £34,002) Cordage & Twine £20,761 (£21,216) Woollen (carded) £28,632 (£27,496).

SILS IN BULK.- Total £835,364 (£692,369) chief lines - Kerosene 5,209,326 gals. £91,339 (£439,199) gals. £95,963 Lubricating (Mineral) Oil 930,099 gals. £87,382 (838,450 gals. £69,779) Petroleum Spirit - Benzine &c. 10,916,121 gals. £612,867 (7,873,852 gals. £466,271) Turpentine 60,997 gals. £11,255 (50,947 gals. £16,836).

PAINTS & VARNISHES £48,413 (£53,765) ASPHALT, BITUMEN & NATURAL PITCH 74,935 cwts. £15,301 (90,298 cwts. £21,783) COKE 25,477 Tons £46,473 (16,434 Tons. £39,925)

MACHINES & MACHINERY.- Total £1,292,658 (£1,095,668) - chief lines - Electrical Machines & Appliances £521,967 (£369,369) Dynamo Electric Machines £94,833 (£91,542) Cable & Wire Covered £121,257 (£70,509) Telephone Switchboards £28,416 (£26,637) Agricultural, Horticultural & Viticultural Implements & Machines £101,420 (£77,735) Engines all kinds £266,250 (£312,545) Sewing Machines £39,371 (£36,417)

METAL & METAL MANUFACTURES OTHER THAN MACHINERY - Total £4,363,442 (£3,802,632) - chief items being - Bolts, Nuts & Rivets &c. 33,030 cwts. £49,151 (25,515 cwts. £50,898) Copper Wire 4,512 cwts. £12,340 (5,845 cwt. £27,885) Iron & Steel - Total £957,811 (£966,793) consisting mainly of Bar and Rod 178,478 cwts. £125,886 (190,372 cwt. £137,816) Plate and Sheet Galvanised and Plain & Tinned 676,896 cwt. £691,047 (770,366 cwt. £766,150) Wire 99,382 cwt. £90,767 (66,328 cwt. £76,944) Lamps and Lamp-ware £67,899 (£52,181) Nails 4,281 cwt. £10,435 (5,465 cwt. £14,287) Pipes & Tubes 170,851 cwt. £202,602 (155,158 cwt. £192,929) Platedware and Cutlery £86,164 (£77,167) Screws £24,310 (£22,962) Tools of Trade (ex. Machine tools) £126,235 (£126,162) - Vehicles £2,339,169 (£1,759,938) - Of this amount Motor Cycle Vehicles and parts accounted for £1,663,490 (£1,549,436) which included 11,060 (8,841) Motor Chassis.

RUBBER & RUBBER MANUFACTURES £265,869 (£260,009). Of this total Pneumatic Tyres, covers & tubes accounted for £225,905 (£218,377)

TIMBER DRESSED & UNDRESSED £584,121 (£722,208) EARTHENWARE, CHINA &c. £80,487 (£65,639) GLASS & GLASSWARE & LENSES £121,021 (£123,755).

PAPEP £297,618 (£313,498) chief item included is Printing Paper 9,425 tons £194,329 (9,533 tons. £192,949)

STATIONERY & PAPER MANUFACTURES £203,365 (£180,219) Of this total Books & Periodicals accounted for £107,123 (£87,613) Paper hangings & Wall-paper £18,905 (£19,881) and Pens & Pencils £15,815 (£15,015).

FANCY GOODS £106,277 (£91,452) JEWELLERY & CINNAMON £47,005 (£51,605) OPTICAL, SURGICAL, & SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS £86,529 (£70,428)

DRUGS, CHEMICALS &c. £601,050 (£536,552) the chief items being Rock Phosphates 87,150 tons £337,011 (70,742 tons. £297,277) Sulphur (Brimstone) 15,799 tons £58,407 (10,831 tons. £40,876) Sodium Salts £39,782 (£39,152) Perfumery & Toilet Preparations £31,131 (£33,859) DYNAMITE GELATINE GLENNITE & BLASTING POWDER 143,000 lbs. £7,999 (433,500 lbs. £7,144)

BRUSHWARE £24,306 (£22,230) MATCHES & VESTAS £44,559 (£52,850) MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS £131,728 (£127,983) - Number nil (42) Organs 1,286 (£1,419) Pianos 657 (487) Piano Players.

E X P O R T S.

EXPORTS. The exports of the State are substantially the products of the agricultural, Pastoral, Dairying and the Smelting Industries. The Grand Totals for the various groups were as follows:-

GROUPS OF EXPORTS	1924-5	1923-4	Increase or Decrease
BREADSTUFFS.	9,034,638	7,171,770	1,862,868
PASTORAL & DAIRYING.	6,090,371	5,623,559	466,812
ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS.	740,808	667,754	73,054
MINING.	3,207,925	3,282,161	-74,236
MISCELLANEOUS.	134,915	145,680	-10,765
GRAND TOTALS.	19,208,627	16,890,924	2,317,733

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE GROUPS.

ITEM	Unit of Quant.	Quantities		Values	
		1924-5	1923-4	1924-5	1923-4
BREADSTUFFS.					
Wheat	Bus.	24,327,427	26,917,737	7,734,301	6,232,112
Barley	"	1,328,470	1,633,838	378,548	282,348
Flour	Ton.	63,439	62,568	882,904	644,534
Bran & Pollard	Bus.	556,935	185,926	36,467	10,732
All other	Val.	-	-	2,418	2,044
TOTAL VALUE BREADSTUFFS				9,034,638	7,171,770
PASTORAL & DAIRYING					
Meats					
Mutton & Lamb	Carc.	12,798	31,513	14,568	31,946
All other	Val.	-	-	31,101	30,888
Skins & Hides					
Sheepskins	No.	812,948	1,004,741	629,117	597,619
All other	val.	-	-	87,339	26,798
Wool - Greasy	lb.	45,608,776	46,255,418	4,697,277	4,238,418
Washed	lb.	2,370,869	3,077,315	372,887	406,268
Tallow	cwt.	32,190	22,171	65,219	40,723
Butter	lb.	2,473,287	3,031,612	171,378	223,255
All other	val.	-	-	21,485	27,644
TOTAL VALUE PASTORAL & DAIRYING				6,020,371	5,623,559
ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS					
Dried Fruits					
Currants	lb.	9,492,063	7,570,644	236,573	388,112
Raisins	lb.	10,434,773	6,120,489	317,501	184,049
Other	lb.	376,373	232,244	19,493	8,590
Fresh Fruits & Preserved	val.	-	-	74,564	153,431
Wines	gall.	591,134	753,495	92,167	133,424
All other	val.	-	-	510	148
TOTAL VALUE ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS				740,808	667,754
MINING					
Bullion & Silver	oz.	7,190,538	7,004,246	1,071,459	983,170
Concentrates.	cwt.	4,787,882	5,967,079	1,291,356	1,548,836
Copper	cwt.	9,966	37,397	15,355	113,649
Gypsum	cwt.	127,200	82,289	6,897	4,114
Lead	cwt.	451,661	418,176	798,777	614,533
Salt.	cwt.	105,048	83,817	17,790	10,584
All other	val.	-	-	6,291	7,275
TOTAL VALUE MINING				3,207,925	3,282,161
MISCELLANEOUS					
Bark £183 (£1,327)	Soap	1,609,926	1bs. £22,941		
(£1,383,820 lbs. £17,974)	Eucalyptus Oil	£2,154 (£1,230)	Machines and		
Machinery £21,241 (£26,619)	Leather	£12,870 (£16,975)	Gums £17,025		
(£12,856)					